Public Notice - Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment and announce a public hearing on a draft permit from the State Water Control Board that will authorize the impact of wetlands and streams in Chesterfield County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: May 25 to July 13, 2016.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chesterfield County Central Library, Central Meeting Room, 9501 Lori Road

Chesterfield, VA 23832, on June 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. (facility closes at 8:45 p.m.)

PURPOSE OF HEARING: To obtain input from the public related to this project for the Board to consider.

INFORMATION BRIEFING: Same date and location from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by the Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Chesterfield Economic Development Authority, 9401 Courthouse Road, Suite B, Chesterfield, VA 23832, VWP Permit No. 16-0731

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Project Buzzard, Meadowville Technology Park, between Bermuda Hundred Road and Meadowville Technology Parkway in Chesterfield County, Virginia. Coordinates: 37.355432° N, -77.332029° W.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Chesterfield Economic Development Authority has applied for a new permit to construct an industrial facility within the existing Meadowville Technology Park in Chesterfield County, Virginia. The applicant is requesting authorization to fill 9.87 acres of wetlands and 84 linear feet of streams, and to convert 0.05 acre of forested wetlands to emergent wetlands in order to construct the facility. The activity proposed in the permit will affect wetlands and streams that drain to the James River. The proposed permit requires compensation for permanent impacts to surface waters through the purchase of 19.57 wetland credits and 73 stream credits from a mitigation bank in the same or adjacent watershed. Previous permits issued to Chesterfield Economic Development Authority for projects associated with Meadowville Technology Park have authorized permanent impacts to 3.58 acres of wetlands and 228 linear feet of stream bed, and temporary impacts to 0.468 acre of wetlands. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve the permit.

HOW A DECISION IS MADE: After public comments have been considered and addressed by the permit or other means, the State Water Control Board will make the final decision.

HOW TO COMMENT: The Board accepts comments by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and must be received by DEQ during the comment period. The Board also accepts written and oral comments at public hearings. To make a statement at a public hearing, write your name on a sign-up sheet available before the hearing. You may sign up only for yourself. The time allowed for each statement is set by the hearing officer. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ Piedmont Regional Office every work day by appointment.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Ms. Allison Dunaway; Piedmont Regional Office, 4949-A Cox Road, Glen Allen, Virginia, 23060; Phone: 804-527-5086; E-mail: Allison.Dunaway@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: 804-527-5106.